

Financial Questions from the NTIP Regional Teleconferences

Q: Is there intent to have a requirement to reconcile either EFIS Section 7 or OnSIS educator data to the numbers to be reported for NTIP?

A: The data collected in EFIS Section 7 and OnSIS do not correspond exactly to the data collected in the NTIP Final Report; however, some general reconciliations will be made. For example, the number of notations reported to the Ontario College of Teachers reported in OnSIS will be compared to the number of new teachers participating in the NTIP.

Q: Is there an expectation that external auditors will have any responsibility to audit NTIP teacher numbers?

A: No, this is part of the overall Financial Statement of boards which are audited.

Q: In 08-09, it is anticipated that some boards may hire very few 'new teachers' or none. BUT, they will get money for hiring new teachers in 07-08 that they have already supported. Can they apply this money to the 07-08 new teachers that they hired and didn't get money for in that year?

A: District school boards will receive a base amount of \$20,000 to continue the NTIP even if they have not hired any new teachers from October 2, 2007 – October 31, 2008. Boards are reminded that they must support any new teachers hired after October 31, 2008. They may also use NTIP funds to support beginning teacher LTOs in 08-09.

Boards may not use 08-09 NTIP funds to recover expenditures from the 2007-08 NTIP.

Q: What schedule in EFIS is used to collect the data for the head count (i.e., estimates/revised estimates)?

A: Section 7 of the EFIS forms. These forms are for the estimates cycle, revised estimates cycle, and financial statements.

Q: Will there be a template to collect NTIP data in the 2008-09 Financial Statements?

A: Yes, this template will be available shortly. In the mean time, boards may use Section 5 of the NTIP Final Report for the categories that will be used.

Q: The Ministry has already flowed 75% of the NTIP funds. The boards will submit their final expenditures on July 31st. The final 25% or what they have spent on the NTIP will be flowed in September. What happens in a scenario where they spent less than the 75% already flowed to them? Will there be an adjustment made through the GSN?

A: No. Boards will be required to refund unspent funds to the Ministry.